

# 1,000 SICK BABIES BY EVENING WORLD DOCTORS SAVED IN A WEEK.

**Harriet Hubbard Ayer**  
Tells of the Work Made  
Possible by This News-  
paper's Generous Read-  
ers.

**An Army of Suffering  
Little Ones Rescued  
from the Ravages of  
Disease and the Deadly  
Nursing Bottle.**

**Harriet Hubbard Ayer**,  
who is constantly with The  
Evening World's corps of  
doctors, describes for our  
generous readers the work  
that is being done among  
the thousands of sick ba-  
bies in Brooklyn.

The Evening World's Sick Babies' Fund corps of doctors have been doing magnificent work in Brooklyn. In one week the faithful doctors who were detailed for the borough of Brooklyn actually visited 1,142 houses. In these houses 5,834 families dwell. Nine hundred and seventy-six sick babies were found and treated in this house-to-house canvas, and certainly the greater part of them would have died had you not, through your generous work, provided the means for this noble work.

**THE POOR ARE PROUD.**  
Some of the poor are very proud. They know how to suffer; indeed, they are daily lessons in sublime courage. They will not ask for charity; they do not want alms for themselves. They can suffer and starve, but they cannot, will not, beg.

But when an Evening World doctor says, with quiet, gentle directions, "Haven't you a sick baby here? Ah yes, this little one. Poor little pet! Well, what is the trouble?" I am the doctor from The Evening World. Let us see what we can do for this dear little fellow; then you should see how the mother love crowds out pride and from the mother heart the pitiful little story comes in trembling, anxious sentences. The magic of the two words "Evening World" is wonderful to see.

The doctor does not have now to plead or explain.

**THE DOCTORS' WORK.**

But half the truth has never been told about the work of our doctors.

The physicians themselves are busy reciting sick babies from the jaws of death to give many details. They don't waste time in talking.

But I, who have watched them work, believe the dear people, men, women and little children, who are helping this noble relief work, will be glad to hear of it more fully.

An Evening World doctor takes the sick baby in his arms and carefully examines it.

**PITY, NOT ABUSE.**

He knows from the mother's appearance that if the family is well nourished.

He knows from the little sufferer's condition whether it is starving, improperly fed or neglected through ignorance. He never says a harsh word, no matter how palpable the evidences of neglect are. But he speaks in plainest language to the mother.

He says: "Your baby will die if you feed him condensed milk."

"You must wash this baby every day all over if he will not get well."

"Take off these hot clothes if you want your baby to get well."

"You have no money to buy fresh milk?"

"I will see that it is sent to you twice a day, and a piece of ice, also twice a day, to keep it sweet."

"That bottle is dirty. It is the wrong bottle. The baby will never get well feeding from that dirty rubber tube. Give it to me. Here are two clean bottles with clean nipples."

"Here is borax to mix with the water to wash the bottles."

"I will be here again to-morrow. Give the baby this medicine once every hour or two or three hours," as the case may be.

**PATS FOR GOOD MILK.**

Then the doctor smiles at the mother, pats the little baby gently and says a reassuring word and a good-by and is off. It is all done in a few minutes.

With this he proceeds to the nearest milk depot, orders milk and ice for two, the price of which, of course, pays for it, orders it sent to the baby, and begins the same work over again.

The next day he goes back again—goes through the same process, explains to the mother, smiles at the baby, repeats if the bath has not been given. Often he undresses the baby and gives it a bath, showing the mother how it is done and proving to her that water is a blessing and will help to cure, not kill, as too many of the ignorant believe.

As long as it is necessary The Evening World doctors call on each little patient once a day.

As long as the baby requires food and treatment it is furnished without money or price.

If the mother and other children are half starved they are fed, too. There's precious little talk about it, though. That's what astonished me most. No long Latin words, no medical terms, no written prescriptions to be filled.

**GENEROUS READERS.**

Your generous contributions each day relieve thousands. Through you the parched lips of innocent victims are made moist and cool.

The hungry, neglected little bodies are made sweet and clean.

Suffering is arrested, lives are saved each day by the readers of The Evening World. Your contributions are offered to men and women who, in a moment of inspired courage, save a fallen creature from fire or water.

No shouts are appropriate to the modest contributors to our Sick Baby Fund, but none the less do you represent the life-saving station for thousands of babies that must have died but for your noble assistance.

**HARRIET HUBBARD AYER.**

## EVENING WORLD SAVES 1,000 BABIES IN A WEEK.

Evening World doctors during the past week visited 1,142 homes of the poor in Brooklyn.

In these houses 5,834 families live.

They found and treated 976 sick babies.

A large percentage of them would have died but for The Evening World doctors.

All are now doing well.

Lips that were parched with fever are now moist and cool.

Eyes that stared in delirium now close in peaceful sleep.

Neglected little bodies are now sweet and clean.

In short, the sick are on the road to health.

These precious lives are being saved daily by The Evening World's generous readers.

Keep up the good work.

## BABIES' FRIENDS RALLY; BENEFIT AT ROCKAWAY.

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